In the Claims

1. (Currently amended) A method for activating a non-SMS device connectable to an IP-based network, comprising the steps of:

sending an activation message to said non-SMS device over an IP-based messaging protocol;

determining whether said activation message contains a server initiated action (SIA) message; and

if said activation method contains an SIA message, configuring said non-SMS device to initiate an action contained in said SIA message.

2. Cancelled.

3. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1 [[2]], wherein said activation message further includes an initiation command that initiates an action by said non-SMS device.

4. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1 [[2]], wherein said IP-based messaging protocol comprises a chat protocol.

5. (Original) The method of claim 3, wherein said action initiated by said initiation command comprises the issuance of an alert by said non-SMS device.

6. (Original) The method of claim 5, wherein said alert comprises an indication that there is new

email available for download over said IP-based network.

7. (Original) The method of claim 3, wherein said action initiated by said initiation command

comprises the launching of a program on said non-SMS device to download email via said IP-

based network.

8. (Currently amended) A system for activating a non-SMS device connectable to an IP-based

network, comprising:

        means for sending an activation message to said non-SMS device over an IP-based

messaging protocol;

        means for determining whether said activation message contains a server initiated action

(SIA) message; and

        if said activation method contains an SIA message, means for configuring said non-SMS

device to initiate an action contained in said SIA message.

9. Cancelled.

10. (Currently amended) The system of claim 10 [[9]], wherein said activation message further

includes an initiation command that initiates an action by said non-SMS device.

11. (Currently amended) The system of claim 10 [[9]], wherein said IP-based messaging protocol comprises a chat protocol.

12. (Original) The system of claim 10, wherein said action initiated by said initiation command comprises the issuance of an alert by said non-SMS device.

13. (Original) The system of claim 12, wherein said alert comprises an indication that there is new email available for download over said IP-based network.

14. (Original) The system of claim 10, wherein said action initiated by said initiation command comprises the launching of a program on said non-SMS device to download email via said IP-based network.

15. (Currently amended) A computer program product for activating a non-SMS device connectable to an IP-based network, the computer program product comprising a computer-readable storage medium having computer-readable program code embodied in the medium, the computer-readable program code comprising:

      computer-readable program code that sends an activation message to said non-SMS device over an IP-based messaging protocol;

      computer-readable program code that determines whether said activation message contains a server initiated action (SIA) message; and

if said activation method contains an SIA message, computer readable program code that configures said non-SMS device to initiate an action contained in said SIA message.

16. Cancelled.

17. (Currently amended) The computer program product of claim 15 [[16]], wherein said activation message further includes an initiation command that initiates an action by said non-SMS device.

18. (Currently amended) The computer program product of claim 15 [[16]], wherein said IP-based messaging protocol comprises a chat protocol.

19. (Original) The computer program product of claim 17, wherein said action initiated by said initiation command comprises the issuance of an alert by said non-SMS device.

20. (Original) The computer program product of claim 19, wherein said alert comprises an indication that there is new email available for download over said IP-based network.

21. (Original) The computer program product of claim 17, wherein said action initiated by said initiation command comprises the launching of a program on said non-SMS device to download email via said IP-based network.

22. (Currently amended) A method of activating a chat enabled, non-SMS device, comprising the configuring of said non-SMS device to:

      identify SIA chat messages;

      block display of an SIA chat message upon receipt; and

      execute instructions contained in said SIA chat message to activate said non-SMS device to perform a function contained in said SIA chat message.

23. Cancelled.

24. (Currently amended) The method of claim 22 [[23]], wherein said action comprises the issuing of an alert indicating the receipt of an email message by the server initiating said SIA.

25. (Currently amended) The method of claim 22 [[23]], wherein said action comprises the execution of a program to automatically connect said non-SMS device to the server initiating the SIA and download email newly received by said server.

26. (Currently amended) A method of activating a chat enabled, non-SMS device via an SIA chat message, comprising the steps of:

      configuring said non-SMS device to:

            identify SIA chat messages; and

execute instructions contained in said SIA chat message to activate said non-SMS

device; and

activating said non-SMS device by sending an SIA chat message to said non-SMS device,

said SIA chat message including instructions to activate said non-SMS device to perform a

function contained in said SIA chat message.

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